

A. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, Section [0001]:

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/776,486
 , filed February 10, 2004 (Attorney Docket Number 49987-1003), entitled
“VIRUS PROTECTION FOR MULTI-FUNCTION PERIPHERALS,” with Seiichi Katano
listed as the inventor.

On Page 19, Section [0047]:

According to one embodiment of the invention, MFPs are configured to perform “check on send” by performing virus checking any data that is to be sent from the MFPs to other locations. For example, suppose that a particular MFP has generated an email that is to be sent to a network device over a network. Prior to sending the email, the particular MFP performs virus checking on the email to determine whether the email is infected. This might occur, for example, if an email program on the particular MFP had previously been infected with a virus. If the email is determined to be infected, then the email is not sent. The particular MFP may repair, quarantine or delete the email as described herein. The particular MFP may also generate and send a notification indicating that an email was infected and provide details of the infection. This information may aid administrative personnel in addressing the infection. Furthermore, MFPs may perform virus checking of other data in response to detecting a virus infection during a “check on send” procedure. For example, in response to detecting that ~~than~~ an email has been infected, a particular MFP may automatically perform a virus check of all data on the particular MFP. This may be particularly useful, for example, if a large amount of time has elapsed since the last virus check.